



Shirley Strong, wife of Installation Management Agency, Europe Region, Chaplain (Col.) Ronald Strong, sings a gospel song during the Stuttgart area's 16th annual Prayer Breakfast Feb. 18.

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Praise, faith & friendship Stuttgart's 16th annual Prayer Breakfast celebrates community, supports charity

By Mildred Green & Melanie Casey

More than 100 Stuttgart community members gathered together for a morning of faith and friendship at the Stuttgart area's 16th annual Prayer Breakfast Feb. 18 in the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks.

The early-morning event was "a celebration of one community, one team," said 6th Area Support Group Chief of Staff Joseph Moscone, who welcomed attendees.

After a hearty breakfast, 6th ASG Roman Catholic Chaplain (Capt.) Paul Passamonti read to the audience from the books of Luke and Daniel.

The featured guest speaker was Installation Management Agency, Europe Region, Chaplain (Col.) Ronald Strong, who addressed the power of persistent prayer.

"We are living in a prayerless society," he said. "When prayer fails, evil prevails."

Strong said that too often people don't know how to be patient. "Sometimes we have to wait for God," he said, adding, "When they throw you a rope tie a knot in it and hang in there, because help is on the way."

Strong was preceded at the podium by his wife, Shirley, who sang a gospel song.

The event ended with music as well, as attendees stood and joined in a rendition of "America," accompanied by the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band, Brass Quintet.

A history of prayer, community

According to information provided by the 6th ASG Chaplain's Office, prayer breakfast groups were first established in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in 1942.

The groups met weekly to discuss individual spiritual needs and the role of God in the development of the United States.

In 1953, President Dwight Eisenhower established the first presidential prayer breakfast by joining with members of the Senate and House prayer groups.

Since then, similar groups have expanded throughout the nation.

Lending a 'Helping Hand'

The 6th ASG Chaplain's office, which sponsored the breakfast, also took donations for its Helping Hands fund,



6th ASG Roman Catholic Chaplain (Capt.) Paul Passamonti reads from the Bible during Stuttgart's 16th annual prayer breakfast Feb. 18 on Patch Barracks.

which was started last year by 6th ASG Chaplain (Col.) Sherrill Munn.

Since the fund's inception, Munn said, the account has grown to nearly \$12,000 thanks to designated offerings from congregation members, Stuttgart's Veterans of Foreign Wars and other groups and individuals.

"Word of mouth has gotten out, and we've even received checks from people in the States," Munn said.

Proceeds are distributed primarily to injured service members in Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, but are also earmarked for lower enlisted military members experiencing financial hardships.

The Prayer Breakfast raised nearly \$850 for the fund, Munn said.

For more information or to donate to the Helping Hand Fund, call 430-5000/civ. 0711-680-5000 or visit the 6th ASG Chaplain's Office, building 2307 on Patch Barracks.

News & Notes

Townhall scheduled on Kelley

The 6th Area Support Group is holding a Townhall Forum Feb. 25, 7 p.m., in the Kelley Community Club. All community members are invited to attend.

ACS hosts Job Fair Feb. 26

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness office is hosting a job fair Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Patch Barracks Fitness Center gymnasium.

Job-seekers can find out more about job opportunities with Appropriated and Nonappropriated Fund positions, contractors, military recruiters and more. Attendees are encouraged to bring copies of their resume.

For more information call Martha Povich at 430-7270/civ. 0711-680-7270.

SNAP training planned

The Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program is conducting training the last Thursday of each month. Training locations will rotate among area installations.

The next training session is Feb. 26, 1:30 p.m., in Patch Barracks building 2316 (behind the housing office).

For details call 421-4615/civ. 0711-729-4615.

Patch hosts Gospel Jubilee

The Stuttgart area's fourth annual Gospel Jubilee is Feb. 28, 1 to 3 p.m., in the Patch Community Club.

For more information call Staff Sgt. Frank Hawkins at 430-8423/civ. 0711-680-8423.

Patch skate park takes break

The Patch Skateboard Park will be closed Mar. 8 to 22 due to the SCSC Spring Bazaar.

Mandatory coordinator training

A mandatory training session will be held for all area, building and stairwell coordinators Feb. 27, 4:30 p.m., in the Swabian Special Events Center.

Quarterly training meetings will be held to inform coordinators of new standards to create a cleaner, safer and more harmonious community.

For more information call Nathan Thomas at 430-4399/civ. 0711-6804399.

Mystery, comedy in Stuttgart

• The Patch High School Drama Club presents "The Cat and the Canary," a 1920s mystery drama, in the PHS Forum March 5 and 12 at 7 p.m. and March 6 and 13 at 2 p.m. Admission is free.

• The Kelley Barracks Theatre presents "Come Blow Your Horn," the 1960s New York comedy that introduced Neil Simon to the world.

Performances are March 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 or 13 euro for adults and \$10 or 11 euro for students.

For more information or ticket reservations call 421-2825/civ. 0711-729-2825 or visit www.kelleytheatre.de

YS Sports needs volunteer coaches

The Youth Services Sports Office is looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming baseball and softball seasons. Coaches receive registration discounts for their children. For details call 431-2616/civ. 07032-15-616.

Women hold World Day Of Prayer

The Military Council of Catholic Women and the Protestant Women of the Chapel host "World Day of Prayer, An Ecumenical Prayer Service from the Women of Panama," March 5, 9:30 a.m., in the Panzer Chapel.

This year's theme is "In Faith, Women Shape the Future." A potluck brunch will follow the program, and child care will be available by reservation 24 hours in advance.

For more information call 0711-658-6143 or e-mail calefamily@t-online.de.

Scholarship applications available

The Stuttgart Community Spouses Club offers scholarships for graduating seniors of Patch High School, the Stuttgart International School and accredited homeschool programs. Applications are available in the PHS guidance office. Submission deadline is March 3.

For more information call Joni at 0711-489-4810 or e-mail jbjen110@aol.com.